

Special Issue

Biopolymer-Based Materials for Edible Food Packaging

Message from the Guest Editor

Food packaging is an essential tool to protect food from the environment, where it is exposed to different temperature, humidity, gas and vapor permeation, and light conditions. Packaging is also responsible for maintaining food quality and safety during its shelf life until being consumed. At the same time, the environmental situation is difficult due to the large amounts of non-biodegradable plastic around the world. Because of this, different biopolymers like pectin, starch, chitosan, carrageenan, polylactic acid, cellulose derivatives and others have been investigated for their potential application as edible food wrapping materials. Crosslinking or reinforcement agents such as nanofillers can improve their properties, making them suitable for active and intelligent packaging. This Special Issue aims to cover various challenges and possible solutions associated with food packaging materials based on biopolymers. It covers a wide range of biopolymers used in food packaging and the challenges of using them in their pure form. Different applications, such as edible coatings and sensors, are also welcome.

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